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SUBJ: CSCE/CBMS: EXERCISE REFORGER: NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION
TO OBSERVERS

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SUMMARY: POLADS REFORGER CAUCUS MET SEPTEMBER 3, AND WELCOMED NEW US FLEXIBILITY ON REFORGER CBM ISSUES. FRG TABLED NEW DRAFT NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION. ALLIES OPTIMISTIC THAT US TIMETABLE FOR REFORGER CBM IMPLEMENTATION CAN NOW BE MET. UK REP ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR INVITING NATO COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE REFORGER MANEUVER PHASE. FRENCH REP SAID PARIS HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO GIVE PARALLEL NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION IN REFORGER. ACTION: REQUEST GUIDANCE ON UK QUESTION IF POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR SEPT 4 REFORGER CAUCUS. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT SEPT 3 CAUCUS OF POLADS FROM DELS OF REFORGER PARTICIPANTS, US REP DREW FULLY ON REF A. US VIEWS WERE RECEIVED FAVORABLY, WITH PARTICIPANTS WELCOMING NEW US FLEXIBILITY AND NOTING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS NOW POSSIBLE.

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ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF US-FRG MEETINGS IN BONN CONTINUE AT PRESENT MOMENTUM, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH TARGET SUGGESTED BY US, I.E. A FULLY CORRDINATED ALLIANCE POSITION ON REFORGER NOTIFICATION AND INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS BY SEPT 5.

2. NOTIFICATION. FRG REP (SCHNELLER) DISTRIBUTED DRAFT FRG PRINCIPAL NOTIFICATION OF "CERTAIN TREK" (SEE TEXT BELOW). THE ONLY COMMENT WAS FRENCH REP'S (GUELLUY) PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT PHRASE "A NUMBER OF NATO NATIONS" (PARA 1, LINE 14 BELOW) BE REPLACED BY "CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO" TO CONFORM WITH FORMULA USED IN NOTIFICATION OF "GROSSE ROCHADE".

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRG DRAFT NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK".
BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: DRAFT NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK"

WITH REFERENCE TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT OF 1 AUG 1975, ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HEREWITH ANNOUNCES EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK" WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 14 TO 23 OCTOBER 1975 IN BAVARIA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXERCISE "REFORGER 75" WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITS OF THE BUNDESWEHR AS WELL AS CANADIAN AND FRENCH UNITS WILL TAKE PART. "REFORGER 75" FORMS PART OF THE "AUTUMN-FORGE" SERIES OF EXERCISES, A COORDINATED SERIES OF REGULAR NATIONAL AND/OR MULTINATIONAL COMBAT AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF NATONATIONS.

TITLE OF TTE EXERCISE: CRK.
PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE: COMBAT TRAINING OF THE GROUND FORCES INCLUDING AIR SUPPORT.
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PERIOD OF THE EXERCISE: 14 TO 23 OCT 1975.
AREA OF THE EXERCISE: NORTH-WEST BAVARIA.
COMMAND LEVEL: US CORPS

UNITTS TAKING PART: 3RD US INFANTRY DIVISION, TWO BRIGADES OF 1ST US INFANTRY DIVISION, ONE INDEPENDENT US BRIGADE (A BRI-GADE OF THE 2ND US ARMOURED DIVISION), 2ND US ARMOURED CAVALRY REGIMENT, NO. 36 TANK BBRIGADE OF THE BUNDESWEHR, ONE CANADIAN MECHANIZED COMBAT GROUP, ELEMENTS OF A FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT.
TOTAL NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED: ABOUT 45,000.
AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY ELEMENS OF THE TACTICAL AIR FORCES OF THE BUNDESWEHR AND OF THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN FORCES.

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END TEXT:

4. FRENCH REP SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT REFORGER NOTIFICATION, BUT THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT NOTIFY BECAUSE OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF FRENCH TROOPS INVOLVED (ONLY APPROX 50 TROOPS, HE SAID). FRENCH REP REMARKED THAT FRENCH MILITARY AUTHORITIES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN CMB NOTIFICATION.

5. CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES INTEND TO NOTIFY CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN "RFORGER 75" AND "CERTAIN TREK" AND WOULD WISH TO DO THIS IN A SINGLE NOTIFICATION. US REP (LEDOGAR) SAID HE SAW NO OBJECTION TO THE CANADIAN AND FRENCH NOTIFICATIONS BEING DRAFTED IN A MANNER WHICH INDI-CATED THEY PARALLELED BOTH THE PRINCIPAL US NOTIFICATION OF REFORGER AND THE PRINCIPAL FRG NOTIFICATION OF "CERTAIN TREK". NOTING THE FRG OBJECTION TO MENTIONING "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" IN THE US NOTIFICATION OF REFORGER, CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT IF "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" IS OMITTED, THE US NOTIFICATION MIGH DESCRIBE "CERTAIN TREK" AS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF SEVERAL EXERCISES TO TAKE PLACE UNDER THE "REFORGER 75" SERIES.

6. INVITATIONS TOOBSERVER. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT EXT, CIRCULATED BY FRG REP, OF PROPOSED INVITATION TO OBSERVERS OF EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK".

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BEGIN TEXT:
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EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK"

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL ACT OF CSCE OF 1 AUG 75,
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CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ALSO ACTING ON BEHALF OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA,
HEREWITH INVITES THE GOVERNMENT OF ..... TO SEND A
MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE .....EMBASSY IN THE
REDERAL REPBLIC OF GERMANY (FOR THE GDR: "OF THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC"; FOR MALTA AND
MONACO: "OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION ACCREDITED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY") AS AN OBSERVER TO
EXERCISE "CERTAIN TREK" WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN BAVARIA
FROM 14 TO 23 OCTOBER 1975 AS PART OF EXERCISE "REFORGER 75".
ARMED FORCES OF THE STATES EXTENDING THIS INVITATION WILL
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PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE.

AS SOON AS ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION AS WELL AS THE NAME
AND RANK OF THE OBSERVER WILL HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE
FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE (FOR THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GDR:
"TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY), THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE
PROGRAMME AND ORGANIZATION OF THE OBSERVER'S ACTIVITIES WILL
BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU. IF IT IS INTENDED TO SEND AN OBSERVER,
IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF HIS NAME AND RANK COULD BE MADE
KNOWN BY ..... .
END TEXT

7. CANADIAN REP SAID HE COULD CONFIRM THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
NOW AGREED THAT THE HOST COUNTRY SHOULD ISSUE INVITATIONS TO OBSERVE
MANEUVERS MENTIONING THAT OTHER PARTICIPANTS ASSOCIATED
THEMSELVES WITH THE INVITATIONS. ALSO, OTTAWA THINKS OTHER
PARTICIPATING STATES MIGHT WISH TO REFER TO HOST COUNTRY
INVITATIONS IN THEIR PARALLEL NOTIFICATIONS. CANDIAN REP
ALSO WISHED TO MAKE THE POINT THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD
DESCRIBE OBSERVERS AS "NOMINATED" RATHER THAN "DESIGNATED".
HE NOTED "DESIGNATED" HAS A DEFINITIVE SOUND,
WHEREAS "NOMINATED" LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES.

8. US REP EMPHASIZED POINTS IN PARA 8, REF A, AND
SUGGESTED THAT CANADIAN AND FRENCH PARALLEL NOTIFICATIONS MIGHT
CONTAIN SIMILAR CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE FRG INVITATION OF OBSERVERS.
US REP SAID THIS WAS ONLY A SUGGESTION ANDIF IT CAUSED
PROBLEMS FOR FRENCH, THEY COUD LEAVE OUT ALL REFERENCE TO
OBSERVERS. IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT IN OUR VIEW THAT PARIS
GIVE SOME FORM OF PARALLEL NOTIFICATION THAN THAT THE
FRENCH NOTIFICATION CONFORM EXACTLY TO THE CANDIAN ONE.

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9. REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE FRG INVITATIONS, UK REP THOUGHT THE US-SUGGESTED (REF A, PARA 8) PHRASE "INVITATION OF OBSERVERS FROM STATES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CSCE " RAISES ISSUE OF WHETHER OBSERVERS FROM NATO COUNTRIES -- AND APPARENTLY THE FRG WISHES TO INVITE ALL OF THEM TOO- WOULD RECEIVE THE SAME OR SEPARATE TREATMENT FROM THAT ACCORDED TO OBSERVERS FROM WP AND NEUTRAL STATES.

10. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON UK CONFIDENTIAL

QUESTION PRIOR TO SEPT 4 REFORGER CAUCUS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR SEPT 5 POLADS MEETING. END ACTION REQUEST.BRUCE

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